

FISCAL NOTE
SB 1520 – HB 1443

March 15, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires county election commission to uniformly report early voting results and absentee votes by precinct.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$46,600 Recurring
\$244,100 One-Time**

Assumptions:

- **Absentee Voting Costs:** Thirty-four counties would be required to purchase an automated absentee card reading system from MicroVote at an average one-time cost of \$4,400. (34 counties x \$4,400 = \$149,600)
- In addition, these 34 counties would pay 45 cents per voter that cast a ballot in the county general and 45 cents per voter that cast a ballot in the state primary, although such elections were held on the same day.
Estimated number of August 2008 voters = 21,800 x \$0.90 = \$19,620
Estimated number of November 2008 voters = 30,000 x \$0.90 = \$27,000
- **Early Voting Costs:** A total of five counties would be required to purchase additional Infinity voting machines to use during early voting which would replace MicroVote 464 machines previously used in early voting. This estimate assumes an average of six machines per county (total of 30 machines) at a one-time cost of \$3,150 each. (5 counties x 6 machines x \$3,150 = \$94,500)
- Summary of costs: Absentee voting costs - \$149,600 one-time
\$46,620 recurring
Early Voting costs - \$94,500 one-time

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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